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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT BANZER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT BANZER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER; DATED 10/31

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I WAS PLEASED THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON TO WITNESS THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. THIS HISTORIC OCCASION SHOWS HOW WE CAN FIND AMICABLE SOLUTIONS TO OTHER DIFFICULT ISSUES IN THE HEMISPHERE AND ELSEWHERE.

I WAS GLAD TO HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO TALK WITH YOU. I BELIEVE OUR DISCUSSIONS HELPED US UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S CONCERNS, AND I TRUST WE CAN CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. IN THIS CONNECTION, I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN OUR NEW AMBASSADOR, PAUL BOEKER, AND HOPE YOU WILL SPEAK WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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HIM AS YOU WOULD WITH ME ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU.

I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE TO BOLIVIA OF ACCESS TO THE PACIFIC. INDEED, A WORKABLE SOLUTION APPEARS TO BE IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST. IT WAS GOOD TO KNOW THAT YOU AND THE PRESIDENTS OF PERU AND CHILE MET IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER, AND THAT YOU HAVE ALL DESIGNATED

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS. AS I SAID BEFORE, THE UNITED STATES HAS A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

THE NEWS THAT THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE ANDEAN PACT HAD USED THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING CEREMONY TO COMPLETE THE VERY DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTORAL PROGRAM WAS ESPECIALLY GRATIFYING TO ME. THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG SUPPORTED THE GOAL OF INTEGRATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE ANDEAN PACT WILL REMAIN AN EFFECTIVE FORCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION.

DURING OUR TALK, I PROMISED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A LIST OF AMERICANS IMPRISONED IN BOLIVIA WHO APPEARED TO ME TO MERIT SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS GIVEN THIS LIST TO AMBASSADOR CRESPO; IT WAS GOOD TO LEARN THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS GIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION TO TRYING TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THESE PEOPLE AND THOSE WITH SIMILAR CASES. I HOPE, AS YOU DO, THAT POSITIVE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE TO REMOVE THIS IRRITANT IN OUR RELATIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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AGAIN LET ME SAY HOW MUCH I VALUED OUR USEFUL MEETING AND YOUR PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON. I TRUST THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WILL BENEFIT FROM THE DIALOGUE WE HAVE BEGUN. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT. VANCE

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